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Mr. Austin R. Evers
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Control No.: 17-FI-HQ-02079

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received on September 12, 2017. The FOIA request is currently the subject of litigation you filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, *American Oversight v. HUD*, Civil Action No. 18-0512. You asked for Department of Housing and Urban Development records reflecting communications—including emails, meetings, calendar entries, phone calls, phone call logs, or text messages—between any person listed in Category A and any person listed in Category B, since March 2, 2017.

Category A	Category B
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beth Van Duyne• John Gibbs• Christopher Bourne• Lynne Patton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary Ben Carson• Lacena “Candy” Carson• Ben “B.J.” Carson

The Department has completed its search and identified no text messages (including standard text messages or those exchanged through messaging applications such as WhatsApp) exchanged between any person listed in Category A and any person listed in Category B.

Two previous interim responses—dated June 29, 2018, and February 28, 2019, respectively—covered the Department’s searches for emails, meetings, calendar entries, landline call logs, and cell phone call logs.

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, such as home address, telephone number, or Social Security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

If you have questions regarding your request, please contact Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Schaefer at (202) 252-2531 or Daniel.Schaefer@usdoj.gov. Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EGB".

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